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E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJ: BOYCOTT ACTION AGAINST TEXTRON CORPORATION

REF: ATHENS 2745 (NOTAL)

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL REQUESTING INFO RE STATUS TEXTRON
VIS-A-VIS ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, ECONOFF INSTITUTED
INQUIRY WITH RELEVANT OFFICIAL MINISTRY ECONOMY AND
FOREIGN TRADE. INITIAL CONTACTS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE
CONFUSION WITHIN SYRIAN GOVT BUT FINAL PICTURE EMERGES
AS HEREAFTER DESCRIBED.

2. ACCORDING TO MINECON OFFICIAL, SYRIAN GOVERNMENT IN COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL BOYCOTT OFFICE DIVIDES ALL COMPANIES HAVING BOYCOTT PROBLEMS INTO FOUR CATEGORIES:

(A) COMPANIES IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BOYCOTT OFFICE: DEALINGS WITH THESE COMPANIES ARE LEGAL AND NO RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED FOR EITHER SYRIAN PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTORS. NAMES ARE OFTEN, BUT NOT CONSISTENTLY, CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

(B) COMPANIES WHICH HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ASKED TO PROVIDE NOTARIZED EXPLANATIONS REGARDING BOYCOTT VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH SOLID INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE: IMPORT PERMITS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THESE COMPANIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS THE REGIONAL BOYCOTT OFFICE INFORMS MINECON THAT THESE COMPANIES HAVE RESPONDED TO THE REQUEST FOR EXPLANATIONS. COMPANIES MAY BE REMOVED FROM THIS LIST BY SYRIAN GOVT ACTION NOMINALLY UPON RECEIPT OF EXPLANATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR IMPORT PERMITS AUTHORIZED BY MINISTERS OR ABOVE.

(C) COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY WARNED THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BOYCOTTED: ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE FORBIDDEN TO DEAL WITH THESE COMPANIES. PRIVATE SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN ARE ALLOWED TO IMPORT GOODS FROM THESE COMPANIES AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 30 PERCENT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S IMPORTS FROM THESE COMPANIES. THIS IS A BOYCOTT OFFICE DESIGNATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ONLY THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF BOYCOTT LIAISON OFFICERS CAN REMOVE A COMPANY FROM THIS LIST.

(D) BOYCOTTED COMPANIES ON THE BLACKLIST WITH WHOM ALL DEALINGS ARE FORBIDDEN: IMPORTATION OF SPARE PARTS FOR GOODS ALREADY DELIVERED ARE PERMITTED FOR PERIODS OF TIME VARYING UP TO 25 YEARS. AGAIN, ONLY A MEETING OF LIAISON OFFICERS OF THE BOYCOTT MAY REMOVE COMPANIES FROM THIS LIST.

3. COMMENT: IN ALL CASES, THE SYRIAN GOVT RETAINS THE RIGHT TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF THIS LIST SHOULD IT FIND IT IN ITS "NATIONAL OR SECURITY INTERESTS". THE DECISION IS A CABINET-LEVEL DECISION WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS BEING THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE ACTUALLY DONE SO IN THIS POST'S COLLECTIVE MEMORY.

4. FOR ATHENS/RTDO: PLEASE INFORM TEXTRON MEDEAST DIRECTOR TUNE OF ABOVE AND THAT TEXTRON IS IN CATEGORY (B). WE HAVE LETTER THAT TUNE WILL BE IN DAMASCUS MAY 2-5 AND HAS APPOINTMENT WITH NEWLY-ARRIVED COMMERCIAL OFFICER DENNIS MICHAUD AT 0930, MAY 3.

YOU MAY ALSO INFORM TUNE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ASSIST
HIS AGENT IN ALEPPO TO CLEAR SHIPMENT IN QUESTION
ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS.

5. OTHER MAJOR COMPANIES IN CATEGORY (B) INCLUDE
INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER AND SMITH-KLINE AND FRENCH.
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